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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tsutomu ATSUKI et al.

Attorney Docket Number: 026390-00035

Serial Number: NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Filed: March 8, 2006

For: METAL NANO-PARTICLES AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME,
DISPERSION OF METAL NANO-PARTICLES AND METHOD FOR
PREPARING THE SAME, AND THIN METALLIC WIRE AND METAL FILM AND
METHOD FOR PREPARING THESE SUBSTANCES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.

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